

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

5. (Amended) A method for molding an arm for an elastic doll, comprising the steps

2 of:

3 forming a molding space for molding a portion of the arm extending from a
4 shoulder thereof to a hand thereof in a mold;

5 arranging a metal core in said molding space so as to extend along a center of said
6 molding space, said core being fixed at one end thereof in a proximal section of said molding
7 space which corresponds to a proximal portion of the shoulder of the arm, said core being
8 provided at the other another end thereof or a portion thereof positioned in proximity to the other
9 end with a spacer for keeping said core spaced at a predetermined interval from an inner surface
10 of said molding space; and

11 injecting a molten molding material into said molding space at a molding
12 temperature to melt the spacer;

13 said spacer being made of a synthetic resin material which is compatible with said
14 molding material and has a melting point equal to or below a the molding temperature of said
15 molding material.

1 6. (Amended) A method for molding arms for an elastic doll, comprising the steps

2 of:

3 forming a pair of molding spaces for molding portions of the arms, each,
4 extending from a shoulder of the an arm to a hand thereof in a mold including mold members,
5 said molding spaces being formed opposite to each other to permit proximal sections thereof

6 which respectively correspond to proximal portions of the shoulders of the arms to face each
7 other;

8 arranging a metal core in said molding spaces so as to continuously extend along
9 a center of said molding spaces; said core being provided at each of ends thereof or a portion
10 thereof positioned in proximity to ~~the~~ an end with a spacer for keeping said core at a
11 predetermined interval from inner surfaces of said molding spaces; and

12 injecting a molten molding material into said molding spaces at a molding
13 temperature to melt the spacer;

14 said core being formed at a portion thereof positioned between said molding
15 spaces with a bent section;

16 said mold members having respective mating surfaces, one of which is formed
17 thereon with projections engaged with said bent section of said core and opposite sides of said
18 core to stationarily hold said core;

19 said spacer being made of a synthetic resin material which is compatible with said
20 molding material and has a melting point equal to or below a the molding temperature of said
21 molding material.

1 7. (Amended) A method for molding arms for an elastic doll, comprising the steps
2 of:

3 forming a pair of molding spaces for molding portions of the arms, each
4 extending from a shoulder of ~~the~~ an arm to a hand thereof in a mold including mold members,
5 said molding spaces being formed opposite to each other to permit proximal sections thereof

6 which respectively correspond to proximal portions of the shoulders of the arms to face each
7 other; and

8 arranging a metal core in said molding spaces so as to continuously extend along
9 a center of said molding spaces while keeping both side portions of said core respectively
10 projected into said molding spaces, joining said molding members of said mold to each other so
11 as to hold said core fixed on mating surfaces of said mold members to keep both sides of said
12 core floated in said molding spaces; and

13 injecting a molten molding material into said molding spaces.

14 8. (Amended) A method for molding an arm for an elastic doll, comprising the steps
15 of:

16 forming a molding space for molding a portion of the arm extending from a
17 shoulder of the arm to a hand thereof in a mold, the shoulder of the arm being provided with an
18 engagement groove adapted to be engaged with a trunk of a doll;

19 arranging a metal core in said molding space so as to extend along a center of said
20 molding space and holding said core at a predetermined position in said molding space by a
21 holding means;

22 arranging a support rod at a site in said molding space corresponding to said
23 engagement groove, said support rod functioning to support said core against an injection
24 pressure of a molding material during molding of the arm; and

25 injecting the a molding material into said molding space.